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Cytomegalovirus Public Health & Policy Conference

Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is the most common congenital infection found in developed countries. Pregnant women who contract CMV can pass the virus onto their unborn baby, which can result in multiple disabilities including: hearing loss, vision loss, poor brain growth, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and, in rare cases, fetal death.

CMV infects about 30,000 babies each year in the U.S. In Utah, this translates to one baby born with CMV every day. Of the babies born with congenital CMV, 1 of every 5 will have permanent disabilities due to the virus. Recognizing the lack of awareness about CMV and its potential devastating effects on babies, Utah lawmakers led the nation by passing a bill that directs the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) to establish a public education program to raise awareness about CMV and ways to prevent its spread.

Who should attend:

- Clinicians
- Researchers
- University Faculty
- Childcare Providers
- Public Health
 Professionals
- Students
- Advocacy Organizations
- Parents
- Early Intervention Providers
- Policymakers

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